FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Ten minutes or 25 to 30 cents worth of time spent in pruning off the lower branches of young pine trees will allow them to develop clear, knot-free wood — wood that today is retailing at a premium of as much as $300 per thousand board-feet or $15 to $20 more per tree.

Knots form where lower ends of branches, dead or alive, have become part of a tree's main body. Cutting off lower branches while small allows the main trunk to develop clear wood.

Cooperative work by USDA's Forest Service and the Michigan experiment Station at Kellogg Forest, Augusta, shows that pines at the 16 to 35-foot stage can be pruned 3 times at 4 to 5-year intervals in a total of about 10 minutes per tree. Such trees can be cleared of branches to half their height without retarding growth.

President R. A. Ralston, of the Forest Service, and W. Lemmien, of the State station, point out that some grades of clear pine lumber are retailing today for over $400 per thousand board feet. Lower grades with sound knots sell for less than $100. Even if the pruning added only $100 value per thousand and the pruning cost was compounded annually at 5 per cent for the waiting period, pruning would still return $10 per tree. Growers would get a share of it.

It will even pay to prune off the lower whorl or two of branches in 4 to 5-foot trees being grown for fence posts, pulpwood or cabin logs.

Grain Feeding Tips For Dairymen

Whether you're producing milk for fluid milk consumption, or for manufacture of dairy products, you should gear your feeding program to the amount, kind and quality of green and dried forage you have on hand.

Dairymen who are producing milk for manufacturing purposes will usually find it economical to feed some grain to the cows during the entire lactation. Heavy grain -feeding may not pay. Dr. Graf says there are some rules to follow in the cow-feeding program.

First, feed all the roughage a cow will eat. Give the high-producing cows the best, or at least save the best hay, silage, or pasture for the milking herd.

Feed the high-producing cows more grain than the low-producing cows.

Feed grain to keep up with economical production. Evaluate the roughage the cows are receiving. If it is of a very good quality and the cows are getting all they can eat, feed grain at the rate of about one pound of grain for each four to five pounds of milk if the cow is of the lower testing breeds, and one pound of grain per three or four pounds of milk produced if the cow is of the higher testing breeds.

If the cow gets limited amounts of high quality roughage, or all she wants of low quality roughage, feed one pound of grain for each 3 to 4 pounds of milk produced if the cow is of low testing breed; and oone pound of grain per two or three pounds of milk produced if the ocw of the higher testing breed.

Grain is more economically fed to the herd if each cow is fed according to production, giving the high producing cows more grain and the lower producing cows less grain, thus all dairymen should be in some type of testing program.

Witchweed, Foreign Corn Pest Invades Virginia's Neighbors

An insidious weed parasite that destroys corn and other crops of the grass family by attacking their roots has appeared for the first time in the United States at more than 4-scattered locations in North and South Carolina.

If the weed parasite, known as "witchweed," becomes widespread, it could destroy more corn than the European corn borer, whose depredations cost farmers more than $80,000,000 yearly.

How witchweed, known botanically as Striga Asiatica, got to American shores from South Africa and the Far East, is still unknown. U. S. D. A. scientists are studying trap crops, use of chemicals and rotation practices, as possible means of control.

For about a month after its seed germinates, the witchweed grows entirely underground, often several inches below the soil surface, living off its host. Then it emerges from the soil as a bright green plant. A month or so later the weed puts out small flowers, usually bright red, but sometimes white or yellow. Most plants do not grow taller than 8 or 9 inches, but they may range up to 18 inches.

Witchweed seems to prefer light soils, considerable moisture, and warm temperatures, but in South Africa it has shown ability to grow under a wide range of conditions.

Most plants attacked by witchweed die within a few weeks after symptoms of wilting first appear.

Dairy Cattle Management Course

Improved dairying in Virginia will be the goal of the Dairy Management Short Course at VPI, January 7-10, 1957. A group of prominent educators will be assembled to discuss feeding and nutrition, and breeding, selection and animal health, areas that are important to each dairyman if successful dairying is to be followed.

Cost of registration is $4.00. Other costs would be meals and room. Enrollment forms are available at the county agent's office.

SURVIVES 12,000 VOLTS

Alameda, Calif.- Although a 12,000 volt power cable burned off John D. Banks' left leg at the knee, Banks survived the shock, but was taken to the hospital in a critical condition. Banks, together with several other electricians, had worked all day clearing out equipment in the municipal power plant. They had stepped over a power line, which all believed to be dead. When Banks stepped on it, there was a flash explosion and his clothing blazed into flames, which fellow workers put out with a fire extinguisher.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Language is the dress of thoughts. —Johnson.

A fool's mouth is his destruction. —Old Testament.

Language is a city, to the building of which every human being brought a stone. —Emerson.

They have been at a great feast of languages and stolen the scraps. —Shakespeare.

The threat of inflation is sharpened and future economice skies darkened by a slowdown in productivity gains.

Pamplin Vicinity

Pamplin Vicinity, Dec. 11.- Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ramsey are the proud parents of a baby boy, born at the Virginia Baptist Hospital on Dec. 4, named Michael Deaner.

Mrs. Juddy Glover called to see her sister, Mrs. T. D. Harris, at Appomattox Friday.

Pfc. Dorothy Shelton, of Fort Belvoir spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Shelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene, of Farmville were Sunday guests of her mother, Mrs. Juddy Glover. Also Mrs. Harold Tolley and little son, William called in this same home in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Pauette and C. W. Kurtz, all of Lynchburg, visited Mrs. W. S. Cumby Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baldwin visited Mrs. Ruth Jennings Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Bryant and little son, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Price and family during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tolley spent Sunday in Petersburg.

Mrs. W. S. Cumby called to see Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baldwin and family Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burrell and Mrs. Raymond Kress were visiting in Petersburg during the week-end.

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Vera

Vera, Dec. 10.- "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." -Heb. 4-16.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Jr. and children visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Sr. on Thursday.

Mr. T. C. Harvey and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Webb on Friday night.

Lieut. Charles A. Harvey, who is stationed at Anchorage, Alaska, says that when he gets The Times-Virginian it's two weeks old, but that he surely does enjoy getting the news from his home town back in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Miss Mazie Harvey and Miss Harriette Harvey were in Lynchburg on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson on Saturday night.

We are glad that Mrs. Grover Beasley has returned home, after a three week stay in the hospital. We hope that she may soon be well.

The W. M. U. of New Hope Baptist Church will have their meeting on Friday night at the church. We hope that all of our members will be present, and that we may have a big Lottie Moon offering.

Miss Harriette Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Garrett on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley on Sunday night.

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Appomattox Lions Club Has Christmas Party

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet this evening at 6:45, at Hotel Appomattox.

Mrs. L. C. McKenize is presenting a Marionette show, "The Night Before Christmas," in the Sunday School room of the local Presbyterian Church at 7 and 8 P. M.

The Flower Shop is having their traditional "Open House" this evening from 7 to 10 o'clock.

If you have not already ordered a fruit cake from the Lions Club, you had better get busy: they hope to sell a TON of fruit cakes for Christmas as a fund-raising effort for their worthy projects.

Thirty-two new members of Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic fraternity, were initiated Dec. 7, at 4:30 P. M., in the Y. M. C. A. Little Chapel of Squire's Hall, V. P. I. Among the new members, elected by the V. P. I. Chapter on Nov. 8, was J. Berkley Drinkard, Jr., of Appomattox. Congratulations.

The calendar has to be respected, for there is nothing to be done about what day of the week official holidays arrive. Lots of people would prefer Christmas to come, say, on a Monday . . then they could have a "long week-end" holiday. But, Tuesday! If we take off Tuesday for Christmas, how can the paper come out on schedule Thursday? And if we try to observe Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 23rd, the only excuse would be that it is a bit nearer Father Darkleaf's birthday, which comes on the 21st. I have heard of some places planning to close up shop on Wednesday, the 26th, as well as on Tuesday the 25th. I see no point in that, for the day after Christmas is traditionally reserved for shoppers to —1— look for "after Christmas bargains; 2.- try to swap off presents they received for others they wanted but didn't receive. All in all, I would say that the thing to do . and I will try to practice what I preach . . is to observe Christmas on December 25, whatever day of the week it happens to fall upon, and to work out a job routine to meet the situation.

Diamonds are precious, and you are fortunate to be able to own one or more. Organizations are powerful, and those who have a voice in their activities are influencial. But after all, the sun and the air and the flowers and the stars and the mighty things of life cause us to be humble and to take note that you do not have to attend a committee meeting in order to arrange for the sun to rise tomorrow morning!

There is one wonderful group of people I would like to place before you today for commendation. And that would be the clerks in our business places. It would appear to me that these servants of the public have it unusually rough during the Christmas shopping season. People come in with a list: to get "something" for Little Susie, Henry, Uncle Bill, Aunt Emma and Grandma. Often the list is longer. And they are almost in a panic, knowing full well that come Christmas morning, there MUST be a package for all of these fine people. And so the clerks are especially considerate at this season, and I think all of us "around town" owe a note of thanks to the people who have waited upon us in the local stores and tried to suggest things, and help each and every one to anticipate a happy Christmas. And so, we salute: the people who serve us in our local stores!

One of the most attractive Christmas decorations around town, is the display atop the main building at the Transco plant. Six reindeer and a sleigh are mounted on the building, and floodlights add to the overall effectiveness.

WRESTLING FRIDAY NIGHT AT LYNCHBURG ARMORY

Lynchburg, Dec. 12.- A group of little fellows who have proven themselves extremely popular with the women fans take over the spotlight in Lynchburg's pro wrestling show at City Armory Friday night. Action on the three-event card begins at 8 o'clock.

Four midget matmen, rated as tops in their business and headed by Little Beaver, will perform in a tag team feature match.

The little Canadian Indian will team up with Tiny Tim to oppose Tiny Roe, one of the best proportioned midget grapplers in the country, and villainous Pee Wee James.

The match will be a best of three falls affair with a 60-minute time limit.

1957 ACREAGE RESERVE PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE AT TIME OF LATEST CROP HARVEST

The Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Committee (ASC) has announced that it does not expect to pay farmers who participate in the 1957 Acreage Reserve programs of the Soil Bank until about harvest time for the latest of the crops for which compliance must be checked.

W. T. Powers, ASC State Administrative Officer, explained that the delay is necessary to make certain that all regulations of the programs have been made before payment certificates are issued.

Questions have been raised currently about time of payment for acreage already designated under the 1957 winter wheat Acreage Reserve The announcement applies both to winter wheat and to all other basic crops which will be eligible for payment certificates under the Acreage Reserve part of the Soil Bank.

Compliance with Soil Bank acreage limitations is in general on a harvested rather than a planted acreage basis. Therefore, in many instances compliance can not be checked until harvest time. A further consideration is that a farmer, to be eligible for any Soil Bank payments, must comply with all acreage allotments (or corn base acreage) established for his farm. This again requires delay of the final check until about harvest time for the latest of the crops involved.

Where only winter wheat acreage is involved, the Department expects to be in position to start issuing payment certificates about the first of June. Where other acreages are also involved, and multiple compliance checks must be made, certificates cannot be issued until the eventual use of the latest harvest crop is determined.

Payment certificates may be redeemed in cash immediately upon receipt, but as announced earlier certificates issued for participation in the Acreage Reserve for grains may not be exchanged for CCC-owned grain until after the harvest season for that grain in the area of issue. This means that no 1957 certificate, no matter when received, can be exchanged for any grain until the end of the normal harvest season for that grain.

DANGER LIES IN SMOKING OUT GAME

The Virginia Division of Forestry cautions that smoking game animals from trees is a dangerous and unlawful practice. Forestry officials say that there has been an increase in forest fires resulting from hunters trying to smoke out squirrels, coons and other animals, from hollow trees.

Fires started to smoke out such animals can easily spread to the rotten tree and when this happens, it is practically impossible for the hunter to put the fire out. The result is that the hunter leaves the burning tree and the fire escapes to the surrounding forest.

NEWS AROUND TOWN

By Mrs. Calvin Robinson

I liked this one:

The adoring grandmother, babysitting on the parents' night out, tucked the child cozily in bed. "Now then," she said fondly, "it's have a bedtime story, shall we? . Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear. Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy, was he?"

There was no answer.

"Well, darling, was Fuzzy Wuzzy fuzzy, or wasn't he?"

The boy looked at her sternly. "Grandma," he said, "you are drunk." -American Weekly.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Holland are spending this week in Chicago, Ill., where Mr. Holland is attending the National Retailers Lumber Association Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Coleman, of 4000 Peyton Avenue, Richmond, Va., will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on December 16, from 1 to 6 P. M., at their home. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet this evening in the home of Mrs. J. A. Burke.

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Homemakers Items

How much money do Virginians spend for food? A recent summary of a U. S. Department of Agriculture survey made of 6,000 households in the spring of 1955 shows that the average family has 3.48 persons and spends $27 a week for food. Five of this was for snacks and meals away from home, the rest for groceries. This is $7.89 per person, just over $1.00 a day. Urban families spent $30, while farm families spent only $17, so there is still much home food production in rural areas. Southern families spent less than those in other areas of the United States.

The total amount of milk used for all purposes is gradually increasing in the United States. It is now 356 pounds per capita a year (nearly one pint a day) compared to 352 last year, 348 in 1954, and 330 two decades ago. Many countries have a higher per capita consumption rate than the United States: for example, Finland (twice as much), Sweden, Australia, Norway, and Canada.

If you've been complaining about the toughness of frozen chickens, you'll be glad to know that research has pointed the way to prevent it, say nutritionists at VPI. How? Keep poultry at chill temperatures 6 to 12 hours before freezing. Avoid high scalding temperatures and long scalding periods. Avoid prolonged beating by picking machines.

Whole eggs (white and yolks mixed) and egg whites may be frozen for home use and stored for six months or less in glass jars or tin containers, say VPI nutritionists. When thawed they will be as good as fresh eggs. Egg yolks may be frozen and stored satisfactorily in glass or tin containers for six months or less if an anti-gelation substance is added. Among the satisfactory substances are 4 per cent glycerin, 4 per cent corn syrup, and either 4, 2, or 1 per cent salt. The glycerin gives the most consistently good results, but does not completely prevent gumminess—the only reason against freezing eggs.

NEW BOOK IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY

Angel Unaware, by Dale Evans Rogers.

This is the story of Robin Elizabeth Rogers, who came to earth on a very special mission. Writing in brilliant, tender words, her mother . . the wife of Roy Rogers, America's foremost cowboy star . . tells the story of their daughter, who passed away in August, 1952. Little Robin came into the world with a tragic handicap. What it was and what it did to both Robin and her parents, the reader will learn as he reads this heart-rending story. It is a story to be read . and cherished . . not only by the countless youthful admirers of Dale Evans and Roy Rogers, but by mature people of all ages as well.

FURTHER RISES EXPECTED IN FARM LABOR WAGES

Virginia farmers can expect to pay still higher wages for labor in 1957, say agricultural economists at VPI.

The average paid by Virginia farmers on July 1, 1956, was 61.8 cents per hour, a rise of 3.9 cents from a year earlier. A new high level of farm wage rates is expected in 1957.

The economists explain that the rising rates are primarily a result of the high demand for labor in non-farm employment. Industrial growth in Virginia continues to move up and each expansion creates an additional demand for labor.

The competition extends beyond mere wage rates to include fringe benefits such as health and accident insurance plans, vacations with pay, sick leave, the 40-hour week, less strenuous work, and opportunity for self-improvement.

Farmers are making some adjustments to meet the competition, such as the use of labor - saving machinery and better arrangement of buildings. These adjustments have, however, required investment of capital; and farmers unable to get additional capital are going to find it hard to compete with increases in farm wage rates, the economists believe.

The ratio of prices received to farm wage rates has dropped. In other words, it takes more bushels of corn or pounds of pork to pay for a day's labor today than in 1940. This trend is likely to continue for some years, but at a less rapid rate.

However, today each hour of labor used in the production of farm products is, on the average, producing almost twice as much as it did in pre-World War II days. This doubling has helped lessen the price cost squeeze. And many improved farming practices, such as the use of hybrids, higher analysis of fertilizer, and more insecticides and fungicides, have also increased production and reduced labor needs.

Southside Funeral Directors Met Here On Wednesday Night

A bi-monthly regular meeting of the Southside Virginia Funeral Directors' Association was held here Wednesday night of this week. The occasion was a Ladies Night, and forty members, their ladies and guests were in attendance. A delicious banquet was served by Mrs. S. A. Lawson, cafeteria manager, at the Appomattox Elementary School.

J. Barry Wall, publisher of The Farmville Herald, was the guest speaker to feature the after-dinner program.

The following officers for 1957 were elected:

Robert Berger, Farmville, president.

Leslie Powell, South Boston, first vice president.

W. C. Whitten, Lynchburg, second vice president.

William Townes, Danville, secretary and treasurer.

Door prizes were presented to the ladies.

The association, which includes 14 Southside counties, will meet in Farmville for its regular gathering in February.

Appomattox was happy to be the host for last night's meeting, and Mayor R. D. Robinson reports that the guests were delighted at the reception given them here, and at the delicious meal served at the school cafeteria.

The visitors assembled at the new Robinson Funeral Home here, and made an inspection of its facilities prior to the meeting at the school.

Spring Mills

Spring Mills, Dec. 12.- The W. M. S. of Union Hill Baptist Church met at the church on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights of last week for the Lottie Moon program and prayer. Interesting programs were rendered each night.

The Christmas program will be presented at Union Hill Baptist Church Dec. 21, at 7:30 P. M.

The Junior Farmers Union met at the home of Rex and Ray Joy Monday evening, Dec. 10, at 8 P. M. The following officers were elected at this meeting: president, Roy Bennett; vice-president, Paul Gilliam; secretary, Jean Armistead; treasurer, J. C. Arrington; recreation chairmen, Coretta Joy and Phillip Elder.

Eighteen members were present. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tabor, of Concord were in charge of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ford and son, Bobby, of Ithica, N. Y., and Mr. Tommie Frances, of Fort Plain, N. Y., spent Thanksgiving week in the home of Mrs. Carrie Ford and James Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Ford and son, Dennis, of Richmond visited in the same home at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wash Cyrus, of Williamsburg are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cyrus.

Mrs. A. L. Burnett is improving in Memorial Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

DOUBLE BIRTHDAY PARTY AFTER BASKETBALL GAME

Mrs. L. E. Conner and Mrs. J. H. O'Brien entertained the Senior Class of '57 and the faculty of the Appomattox High School on Friday evening, Dec. 7, for a social hour after the basketball game, honoring Ottie Conner and Thomas O'Brien's birthdays. "Happy Birthday" was sung by the group. The Senior girls presented Ottie with a gift, and the Senior boys presented Thomas with a gift. Ottie and Thomas cut the birthday cake, after which Mrs. Vara Hanenkrat and Mrs. Vera Stanley served the cake. Mrs. Howard Gilbert and Mrs. Marvin Taylor presided at the punch bowls. Bobby Barger and boys presented music for the hour.

OAKVILLE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Oakville Home Demonstration Club held its Christmas Party Friday night, Dec. 7, at 7:30, at the Oakville school. There were twenty-one members and three visitors present. A short business meeting was held, and after this games were played, under the direction of Mrs. Elaine Moore. Gifts were exchanged and the names for secret pals were drawn for 1957. Seasonal refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Roland Smith, Mrs. Clarence Moore and Mrs. Elmo Wilkerson.

APPLY CHEMICALS TO CONTROL CHICKWEED

Virginia farmers who have had trouble with chickweed in their grass and legume crops would do well to apply chemicals now during the dormant season, says Allan Kates, weed specialist at VPI.

In established stands of legumes (even during the first winter after seeding) use three pounds of 2IPC in 30 to 40 gallons of water per acre to control the pest. Spray after the legume crop has been killed back by frost and before new growth starts in the spring.

In established stands of legume and grass mixtures (after one full growing season) use 2 to 2 1-2 pounds of 2IPC per acre in 30 to 40 gallons of water per acre. If any grass seedlings are present that you want to protect, it will be safer to use 1 to 1 1-2 pounds of dinitro in 30 to 40 gallons of water. Apply when the temperature is above 50 degrees F, preferably 65 to 70 degrees. It may be necessary to repeat the application at the same rate (before legumes break dormancy) to get adequate control of chickweed.

Kates says the use of chemicals for weed control should be considered a supplement to, not a replacement for, good cultural practices. A good, solid cover of legumes and grasses will compete with chickweed so that it may never become a problem.

If heavy infestations of chickweed are present, seedlings may be completely lost. In established legumes, it reduces the quality of the forage, makes curing more difficult, and may seriously injure the stand.

Subscription rate: $2.00 a year; payable in advance.

Local Club Taking Orders for Fruit Cakes

The members of the Appomattox Lions Club are pushing their drive to sell a ton of fruit cakes, to help finance club community projects. A club member stated yesterday that the response thus far has been exceedingly good. Place orders with any club member.

The Pieping radio has cautioned the Soviet Union against chauvilam in future dealings with other Socialist countries.

Egypt has demanded an investigation by the United Nations of the British-French-Israeli attacks and punishment of the "aggressors."

The appointment of James D. Zellerbach as United States Ambassador to Italy, first officially reported in Rome, has been authoritatively confirmed in Washington.

NEWS from HOLLYWOOD

News from Hollywood . . . . . .

Hearing that "The Sweet Smell of Success" which is being filmed in New York was searching for a comic for a small role in the film "just like Joey Faye," Joel called in, told the producer he wasn't busy and isn't too expensive and suggested that he be hired for the role. True to Hollywood style, the producer told him: "Sorry we only want somebody who looks like Joey Faye."

Mel Shavelson and Jack Rose must have a way with them. They got Bob Hope for their "Beau James," and both Cary Grant and Danny Kaye signed with them, without requiring script approval. Grant will do "Houseboat" and Danny the Red Nichol's story, now titled "Five Little Pennies." And, Mary Martin wants to play the Gertrude Lawrence role for them on Broadway.

Henry Fonda is really back in Hollywood now. He has done five pictures this year, after being away from this town for some years while doing plays on Broadway.

We hear that King Vidor is dividing his research material from his film, "War and Peace," a whole trunkful, between the Library of Congress, in Washington, the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and Hollywood's Academy.

"Three for Jamie Dawn," set the ball rolling for Maria Palmer. She now receives loads of fan mail, including love letters, proposals of marriage, and poetry.

"The Story of Mankind" is now being made for Warner Brothers by Irwin Allen, an energetic young radiocaster turned film producer. If things work out as expected, it will certainly be an unusual film.

After an absence of 20 years, Walter Pidgeon's return to Broadway in "The Happiest Millionaire" was a triumph.

France will demand that Egypt pay for the removal of vessels and bridges sunk in the Suez Canal. The cost of the operations has been estimated at $40,000,000.

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